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The Chatham Chatter

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Gas Line Already In Chatham

The fast working Barnstable Gas Company has already hit So. Chatham. Pipes have been spread all over town and practically every available man in Chatham will be busy for the next four months working on the Gas Company project. A new way of welding the pipes together is responsible for the great speed.

The PRIMARIESwill be held at the Town Hall from 9TO6 ON SEPT. 20.

At Last

At last the Chatter has found out after much investigation the names of the new teachers at the Chatham High School. They are as follows: Grade 1, Miss Florence N. Twynn and Grade 4, Miss Marjorie S. Hollenbeck.

Ladies Aid Rummage Sale

The Ladies Aid of the M.E. Church are holding a rummage sale on Sept. 22 at E.T. Pearses store.

Town Meeting To Consider Building of Police Fire House.------

66 Chatham voters needed

A town meeting will be held on September 23rd at Red Men's Hall at 8:30 P.M. Article 1 calls for the moving of the water trough erected by the Village Improvement Society in 1914 away from its present seat on Cross St. (Editorial comments see page 2)
Article 2 calls for the Band Stand be removed to the Kate A.
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The Hines Case

On Monday where we left off a few witnesses came up to the stand, they said again that Hines had gone to Bridgeport during 1935 and had met "Dutch Schultz" there, but did not know the exact date. Some witnesses who testified but were not very important came on Tuesday, but toward the end Mr. Curry, ex-leader of Tammany Hall gave many points to the disadvantage of the Defense.
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Marine Column by Ellen Fuller

With the season over, the sailing drooped preceptibly. The Sunday after Labor day there was an informal race. Jack Place won the box of candy. There were two classes. (Catabout and Bettlecats) Patty Tighe won the bettles. There are not many sailboats left in the harbor as they are all hauled up for the winter. The grounds of the S.I.Y.C. are improving by leaps and bounds. A new fence was erected Sept. 10 and a pair of blinds were put up also.
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$488.00 appropriated for more book Miss Virginia Harding has announced, that the library funds set aside for buying books amounts to $488.00 . We suggest that they have more books for children from 12 to 16 and some novels for the grown ups.
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After All

In the warrant for the special town meeting to be held on Sept. 3rd there is an article which asks the Selecthen to authorize the surveyor of Highways to remove the water trough on the intersection of Cross and Main St. The water through is not an obstruction to traffic as it is only two feet out from the pavement. It has caused no accidents and even if there is only about eight horses in town the trough has some historical value if nothing else. It wouldn't seem the same intersection with out that water trough. After all it is doing no one anyharm. If we are oing to have reform why not reform some thing bigger than that poor old water trough which is really a place in the town of Chatham. After all.

Solong

This is the last summer edition of the Chatter though we will have several winter editions. The first being the New Years edition on Jan 1. If you want to renew your subscription the rates are:

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Goodby until New Years
The Editor

Conservation

For quite a few years now the country has been talking about conservation. It is now at its popular height but it is misinterpreted in many ways. Many people think that conservationist are trying to keep things away from them. Then there are the people who are very happy not to think of the future in the least but to make things hard for those that come after them. One of the main reasons for the draughts and floods which have happened in the middle west and the west during the pass few years is because of the "reckless" plowing up of the land and cutting down of the trees. Here is Chatham when people were dragging for scollops the heavy steel draggers ruined the eel grass and now scollops are not found in very large quantities as they used to be. Conservation is not keeping things away from people but only helping people in the future.
Conservation is common sense.

Concerning Our Town

A series of articles by leading citizens of Chatham.
By Charles W. Allen
Ex-Selectman of Chatham

The request of Ye Editor for an article on the duties of the Selectmen is the excuse

To diverge at the outset, the title of Selectman is purely New England and originated in the following manner. In the early days of the Plymouth Colony, as the settlers spread further away from Plymouth it became increasingly difficult for the officials to collect the various imports, so persons in different sections were appointed to perform those duties and they were designated as Selectedmen.
As the different communities formed their Town organizations they retained the title of Selectman for its leading officials.
The number of the membership of Boards of Selectmenand their term of office vary throughout the State but in Barnstable County it is universal that three shall compose such Board and they are elected for three years. One each year so that barring emergencies there will not be a complete change of personnel in any one year. It is also customary to elect the same persons as Assessors of Taxes and Board of Public Welfare on the Cape.
The duties of the Selectmen are laid down by the General Laws and voters at Town meeting assembled and they compare with the duties of Mayors and City Councils of Cities, all legislation being direct for enforcement to the Mayors and City Councils of Cities and the Selectmen of Towns.
The Selectmen represent the Town in all matters except those delegated to other Board of Officials by General Laws or voters of the Town.
In Chatham (with which I am most familiar and which varies in minor details only from some other Towns) the duties are many and varied.
The Board (by vote of the Town) appoints minor officials not subject to election,-- the members of the Police Department and designate the Chief,-- the Board of Fire Engineers who in turn perfect their organization-- Registrars of Voters.
In case of a vacancy occurs in other Boards, the Selectmen together with the remaining members of such Board designate the person to fill such vacancy.
The Selectmen have charge of the expenditures of all appropriations except those made of the maintainance of designated Boards of officials and have a veto power of these sums, inasmuch as all Pay Roll must be submitted to the Selectmen for approval, they can withhold approval of any questionable items for investigation.
The Selectmen issue most of the licenses and permits required by law such as Innholders, Common Victualers, Liquor, Amusement, Lodging House, Taking of Shellfish, Shellfish grants, Operation of Filling Stations, Storage of Gasoline, Erection of Garages, Erection of poles by Utility companies, opening of streets etc. Most of these require advertising of petitions and public hearings.
The Selectmen also layout all public ways and Town Landings and prepare

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Our County Government

The County Government should interest those of Cape Cod because Barnstable County and Cape Cod are one and the same. The county embraces the 15 townships of Bourne, Falmouth, Sandwich, Mashpee, Barnstable, Yarmouth, Dennis, Harwich, Brewster, Chatham, Orleans, Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro and Provincetown.

The County appropriations are most heavily for road construction, and law enforcement and Health.

It matches the town dollar for dollar in all chapter 90 road projects.

It maintains a Registry of Deeds where all records of property transfers and matters of title are recorded and kept available. Under registrar of Deeds.

It maintains a Registry of Probate where all Wills and Interstate records are kept under Registrar of Probate.

It maintains a House of Correction and Jail where serious violators of the law are confined together with farm land, equipment and live stock, Under the High Sheriff of the County elected.

It supports a hospital and staff at Pocasset for the cure of tuberculosis and other ailments.

It supports and has available courts and court house.

It supports a radio communication system for all law enforcement agencies on Cape Cod.

It furnishes technical and material aid to those engaged in Cape agriculture.

And in general handles details, the scope of which would overlap the more limited geographical bounds of a single township.

Some of the County activities yield considerable revenue which offsets expenditures sometimes with favorable balances. The Registry of deeds and of Probate through their fees and the House of Correction through its extensive agriculture yield an important part of the cost of running their departments.

The Gentlemen directing the destinty of the county are the Board of County Commissioners comprising thr e members elected for 3 years terms each one staggered so that only 1 member is elected or re-elected each year.

The present Board comprises of Charles Megathlin of Hyannis, Chairman Benjamin Bourne of Bourne and Walter R. Nickerson of South Dennis.

By Samuel Freedman

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Concerning Our Town plans for submission to the voters of the same.

The Selectmen call all Town meetings preparing the Warrants for the same, supervise all elections (except Town) assemble, print and distribute Town Reports. This list is not complete and is merely a skimming of the surface but it gives a generalidea.

The Selectmen also serve as a clearing house between the people and the different boards and officials, for a large majority of the public take their troubles to the Selectmen first and they in turn refer them to the proper persons or Boards to handle.

The duties of Assessors of Taxes and Public Welfare Board members I will not attempt to define as their title speaks for themselv

In summing it all up there is more doing for the Selectmen, than sitting in swivel chairs, so when criticism is handed out please remember that

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your Selectmen have many trying questions to settle and that after all they are only human therefore subject to errors.

A Letter From Havana

This is a strange, confusing country because the people represent so many races, Spanish, Indian, African, and others too. It seems to be an unhappy country because there are so many poor, very poor people, and the wealthy people spend their money on great houses and marble mausoleums. The contrast between wealth and poverty seems even greater than in our own country.
From talking with informed Cubans and from listening to the shouts and hisses of the audiences at moving picture houses I have learned that the people are at least ninety per cent sympathetic with the spanish government though the Cuban government has been somewhat friendly towards the fascist rebels.
Marion Severn.

A Letter From Switzerland

We arrived at Scarl on the Swiss Fourth of July. We had walked up the three hours from the nearest road to find half the villagers and visitors walking with lanterns up a neighboring mountain to light the most magnificient bonfire. From its height it looked like the blaze one imagines warned the Elizabethans the approach of the Armada. The Swiss Independence Day is actually August 1st and it celebrates the beginning of Swiss independence and confederation in 1291 - quite a little while before America was even dreaming of the Mayflower.
Scarl - the name is shortening of St. Charles consists of about a dozen farm houses and a primitive guest house or two. It is in the Engadine and because the Roman legionaires took refuge in this mountain fortress Romanishch, a descendant of Latin is still spoken. For us its special charm is its flowers, its animals, and its mountains.
About a quarter of an hour away is the Swiss National Park where birds and beasts and flowers are protected by the law, and in all directions there are the most wonderful expanses of natural rock gardens planted with profusion, and in brilliant colours such as are seen nowhere except in high altitudes. Common flowers like harebell and Marguerites take one new beauty when growing so lavishly. One day we found a profusion of yellow poppies brightening a great grey expanse of fine stones (scree) coming down from a peak and near by violet pansies and edelweiss all about. Our real joy was the animals. A day was wasted unless we could see a new one. We spotted two Chamois at the head of a mountain stream one day, a red deer doe charging past us another, and a third deer with antlers disappeared into the woods close to us. An adder asleep was an animal one drizzly day and a golden falcon hovered below us on our climb to lonely pass. I think the best of the wild animals was the ermots and we spent a great deal of time sitting still and quiet watching them. They live in holes are not like but these of cats with thick blackish tail. There are certainly plenty of birds and animals to watch

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The Oyster Industry In Chatham

Mr. Vanhise was the first one to plant oysters in Chatham. He brought some oyster seeds from Bass River in South Yarmouth down to Chatham which he planted in several places in Stage Harbor and the Oyster pond. He did this to find out where the best grounds were for the cultivationand growing of oysters. After trying several different grounds he found that the oysters seemed to grow and fatten in the oyster pond.
Mr. Vanhise did not own or control any grounds or beds as they are called in the oyster pond. A Mr. Gould and a Mr. Small in West Chatham held a lease on the grounds in the Oyster pond, Mr. Vanhise subleased the beds from Messrs. Gould and Small and paid them each year with a certain amount of bushels of oysters. Aftertheir lease ran out Mr. Vanhise secured the lease himself. At the present time the Town leases these grounds for a term of fifteen years. When Mr. Vanhise first started in the business he thought he would open the oysters and sell them around town. This seemed a slow and laborious way of doing business so he got in touch with several shellfish firms in Boston to see if they could handle them by the barrel lot. Several offers from these shellfish firms came after sample barrels had been sent them The Boston Oyster Co. offered to buy them for $4.50 a barrel in the shell. Mr. Vanhise then started to ship oysters to Boston but had to team them by horse and wagon to Harwich where they were put onthe train. The price of oysters have since gone up as high as $12.00 a barrel. Most people think that oysters are not good to eat only in the months th t have an "R" in them. This is not so. Of course the months which have an "R" in them are the cooler months and are the best for the oysters to be shipped. The oysters are thin and watery during the summer months.
The Chatham oysters have been shipped all over the country.
While Mr. Vanhise was in Bridgeport loading seed oysters a man came over from Greenport, Long Island with samples of seed oysters which were so much superior in quality that thereafter he obtained his seed oysters planted in Chatham are obtained from Greeport.
A truck now takes the oysters from the shore and delivers them directly to the hotels or shellfish firms.
The business which was started on a small scale by Mr. Vanhise has now become a very important industry brin s in thousands of dollars.

Anonymous

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A letter from Switzer land near most of our homes, but it is th opportunity of seeing fresh faces amongst them, and at the same time walking in the mountains sometimes as high as 9000 ft. that make the charm of the remote village like Scarl.

Margery Abrahams
England

"Doin'"

L.B. Gilbert

Perrin Fuller is in Town again , after spending the summer studying at the University of Wyoming school of mining.

Miss Marion Wilson was married to Mr. Robert Mc Niess last week. Mrs. McNiess will continue to be visiting and school nurse.

Among thoselevin Chatham today or on Monday are the Wallers, McAlpins Fessendens, Tighe Eckers, Fullers Maclays,.

The Hines Case
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The next day Curry finished his testifying and the States' most important witness "Dixie Davis" came to the stand. He put a worse blow against the defense, than Curry. He put in many times when he had delivered Hines' salary to him and said Weinberg had been to see Hines in Bridgeport.
Next day Davis told how he had been to see Hines many times. After a day's cross -examination the next morning Stryker had no more questions to ask. Some more witnesses were called. They were not very important except one who was Davis' sister, who said she had given Hines money several times. Once it was a check. At this point Dewey showed the Check to the jury. Dixied Davis' sister was cross-examined on Tuesday by Attorney, Lloyd Paul Stryker of the defense. After he was through with her, Dewey called Harry Schonhaus the third star witness and he was the paymaster for "Dutch Shultz". He said when Dutch Schultz first employed Hines, he gave him $500 a week and later $750 a week but when Schultz was dead Davis gave Hines $250 a week. Schonhaus was the only witness who testified that he had given Hines money after May 1936. On Wednesday Sept. 7th the prosecution finished its case, on Thurs. morning the cout was in recess. On Thursday afternoon the defense attorney argued a motion on all 13 counts against Hines, he said that the first count was outlawed and in the other 12 counts the District Attorney had on called Hines a conspirator when he should have been called an assistant.
The Judge denied the motion. On Saturday a special session was called. On Saturday Judge Pecora had a conference with the defense and the prosecution. At afternoon Stryker, accused Dewey of mistrying Hines because Hines was accused only that he was in the policy racket, and he said to a witness, wasn't Hines in a racket. On Monday afternoon Pecora reached his decision. He said that Dewey had mistryed Hines . Thus ended the case. But Dewey says he is going to try him over again under the same racket.
Frank B. Gilbert

$488 appropriated for more books.
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Classics would be good too.
Alice B. Gilbert
Book Review Editor.

Marine Column
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THERE was a meeting held Sept. 13 on the business of whether the yachtsmen of Harwichport would buy Monomoy Interclubs or Stars. The Stone Horse Y.C. came to argue their point The Stage Harbor Y.C. thought that the Star Boat would be terrible because they have keels. The Stone Horse Y.C. went home with the same idea of getting Star boats.

Town Meeting to Consider Building of Police Fire House------
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Gould Memorial Park. The plan is to build the police fire house where the bond stand now is.
Article 8- asks that the town appropriate a sufficient amount of money to erect the police fire house that the balance of the appropriation needed be appropriated by the PWA up to the legal percentage of the total cost.
Five per cent of the registered voters of Chathan must be present.